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Title: The Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning laid a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 53rd Report of Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2007-08), pertaining to the Ministry of Planning.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): I beg to lay this statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fifty-Third Report of the Standing Committee on Finance (14th Lok Sabha) in pursuance of the direction 73 A of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha.

The Fifty-Third Report of the Standing Committee on Finance (14th Lok Sabha) was presented to the Lok Sabha on 28-04-2007. The report relates to the examination of Demands for Grants of Ministry of Planning for the year 2007-08.

Action Taken Statements on the recommendations/observations contained in the Fifty-third Report of the Committee had been sent to the Standing Committee on Finance on 9-08-2007.

There are 6 issues examined by the Committee in their Fifty-third Report, which mainly pertain to Performance of the Economy (i) Growth Performance in the Tenth Plan - An Overview (ii) Irrigation and Agriculture Growth (iii) Identification of BPL Households (iv) Payment for Professional and Special Service under the Head 'Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme' (v) Other Administrative Expenses under Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (vi) Office Expenses under Planning Commission/Planning Board .

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* Laid on the Table and also Placed in Library See No. LT 7785/2007.

The present status of implementation of the various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in the Annexure to my Statement which is laid on the Table of the House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out all the contents of this Annexure. I would request that this may be considered as read.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, the House will take up Item No.21â€"Calling Attention, Dr. Chinta Mohan

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI ARJUN SETHI (BHADRAK): Sir, I have given a notice that I should raise a question.

MR. SPEAKER: You raised it yesterday.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI : No doubt, I have raised it. But here the hon. Chief Ministers of five mineral producing States...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Arjunji, I do not know what you are talking. This is not the time. Now, there is Calling Attention. If you have any matter, you raise it after the Calling Attention, subject to your having given notice.

SHRI ARJUN SETHI : All right, I will raise it after the Calling Attention.

MR. SPEAKER: If you have not given notice, then no. If you have given notice, I will call you. If you have given notice, you wait for your turn.

12.09 hrs.